



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 682

LCO No. 4681

Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:
(INS)

**AN ACT TO STUDY THE REDUCTION OF PAYMENT AMOUNTS FOR
HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

- 1 (a) There is established a task force to study the payment of health
2 insurance claims by health insurers and other managed care
3 organizations. The task force shall study whether managed care
4 organizations inappropriately reduce the level of service coded on
5 health insurance claims or inappropriately combine services coded
6 separately on such claims for the purpose of reducing payment.
- 7 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:
- 8 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 9 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
- 10 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
11 Representatives;
- 12 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

13 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
14 Representatives;

15 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

16 (7) The Insurance Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;
17 and

18 (8) Two persons appointed by the Governor, which shall include
19 one representative of health care providers in this state, and one
20 representative of health insurers in this state.

21 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
22 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
23 of the General Assembly.

24 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than
25 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
26 filled by the appointing authority.

27 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
28 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task
29 force, from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons
30 shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held no
31 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

32 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
33 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance
34 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

35 (g) Not later than January 1, 2002, the task force shall submit a
36 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
37 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
38 relating to insurance, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-
39 4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date
40 that it submits such report or January 1, 2002, whichever is earlier.

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a task force to study health insurance claim coding and payment practices.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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